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FOR : DNA ENCODING A PLANT DEOXYHYPUSINE  
SYNTHASE, A PLANT EUKARYOTIC INITIATION  
FACTOR 5A, TRANSGENIC PLANTS AND A  
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SENESCENCE AND  
PROGRAMMED CELL DEATH IN PLANTS  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Madame:

This is in response to an Office Action dated April 30, 2003. Accordingly,  
a response is due on or before July 30, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

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